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Life of the Land supports the Proposed Stipulated Procedural Order filed with the Commission in Docket No. 2009-0108, with one caveat.

The Digital Information Age has arrived. The Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") is in the process of converting all regulatory docket documents filed in the last 10 years into searchable digital format. This increases efficiency, lowers the amount of waste created, allows for easy access to records, decreases space requirements, decreases required staffing, and cuts down on the release of greenhouse gas emissions.

This policy is being adopted throughout the regulatory atmosphere. To intervene before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Life of the Land filed only an electronic version.

Reducing paper work also allows potential intervenors who have important things to add to the discussion but can not afford to make dozens of copies of each page submitted in complex proceedings.

In recent dockets, many parties have been willing to substitute electronic copies for hard copies. In these dockets the Commission still digitalizes the records and sends them to all parties electronically faster than snail mail. Having both the electronic copy sent by the party who wrote it plus getting the Commission copy the next day, is quite sufficient. This approach is certainly superior to the pre-computer era way when the rule to file the original plus eight copies to the Commission first originated.

Life of the Land proposes that for this instant docket the Commission limit the number of hard copies to one: the original to be filed with the Commission.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The foregoing Life of the Land Comments on the Proposed Stipulated Procedural Order was served on the date of filing by mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following: the original and 8 copies to the Commission and one copy to each of the other parties listed below.

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